

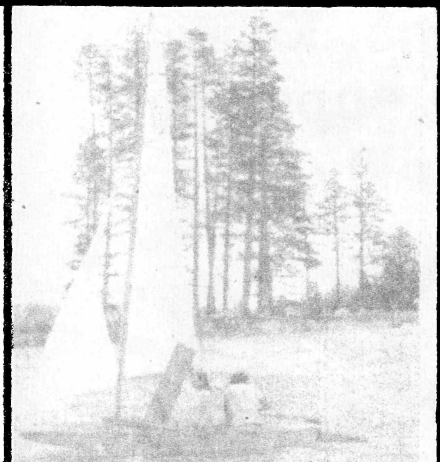


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THE NORFOLK ISLAND NEWS

MONDAY 8 DECEMBER 1975

PRICE FIFTEEN CENTS



The school sailing group's first sea-going sloop took to the water at Emily Bay Wednesday. Linda Blucher and David Regal are leaving shore.

Now growers can SNAP FREEZE GLUT FOOD

A large scale commercial snap-freezing plant should be operational by the weekend.

The man responsible for the \$17,000 venture, Mr. John Hooper believes the freezer is the first of its kind on Norfolk.

He hopes it can be used to level out the shortage-glut cycle that applies to much of the fruit and vegetables grown on the Island.

The fully automatic 1200 cubic foot snap-freezer can hold 32 tons of frozen food.

A 1250 cubic foot coolroom alongside

has already aroused interest in Norfolk food retailers looking for more storage space.

Mr. Hooper does not plan to manage the plant, at Middlegate himself.

Electrician, Rod Buffett said power will be switched on this Wednesday or Thursday, and the temperature in the freezer should drop to minus 32 degrees inside two hours.

"There'll be a few squeals as it pulls in" Mr. Hooper predicted.

He will then call for tenders for operation of the new plant.

There are several experienced freezer operators on Norfolk, Mr. Hooper believes.

Mr. Hooper said he got the idea of building a commercial deep freeze plant when he thought about the crop from his 70 peach trees.

Almost every year, he noticed,
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Norfolk: Love it or leave it

ANYONE WHO DOESN'T agree with Norfolk's immigration selection methods ought to leave.

And the day may be approaching when immigration will be allowed only as present residents quit the island.

Chairman of Committees Richard Bataille said this at Wednesday's Council meeting in reply to an open letter from the Citizens' Association.

"There is no doubt in my mind that the Immigration Review Board treats all matters before it in a democratic manner," Councillor Bataille said.

"Every application that comes before it is treated on its merits in accordance with laid-down policy."

He continued:

"If there are members of the community that do not agree with this method, as it appears there are, and if it is so important to their way of life, I suggest they move on to where they
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Supreme Court

THE SUPREME COURT under Mr. Justice Joske began a sitting last Thursday afternoon that was intended to run until this Friday, December 12.

The list included eight divorce hearings, 12 civil matters and five probate applications.

Traffic fines

IN THE COURT OF Petty Sessions last week a 19-year-old man was fined \$50 after pleading guilty to unlicensed driving, and put on three years recognizance.

A 15-year-old youth was fined \$20 for unlicensed driving and prevented obtaining a licence for 6 months.

Three motorists were fined \$20 for speeding.

More tourists

TOURIST FIGURES were up again for November, with a total of 1534 visitors last month against 1289 November last year.

This is an increase of 245.

There were also 88 arrivals on private planes, according to Tourist Board spokesman Thea Fyfe.

Broken down into country of origin, there were 1063 from Australia (852 November last year) and 471 from New Zealand (437).

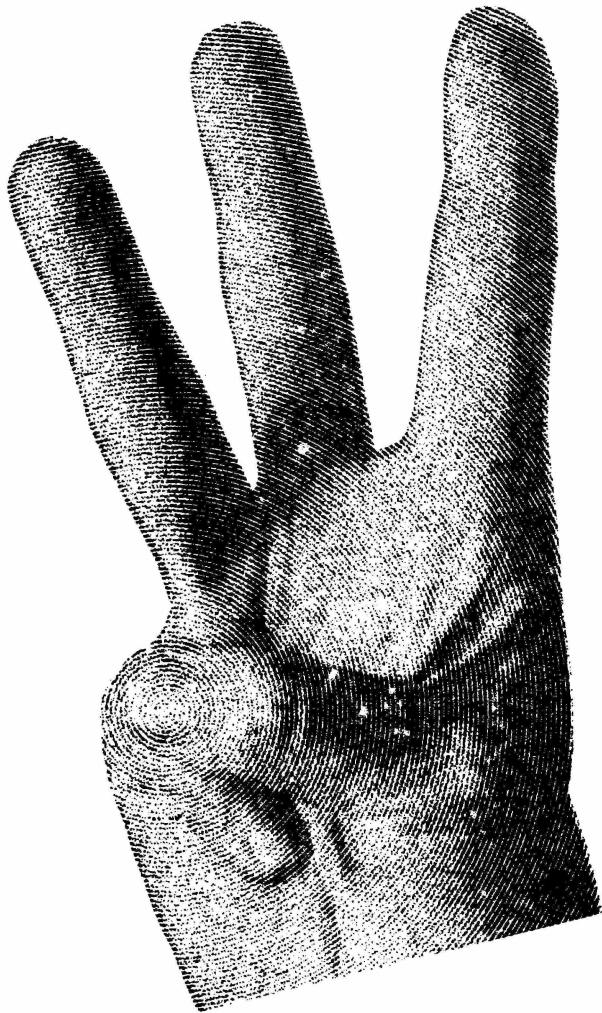
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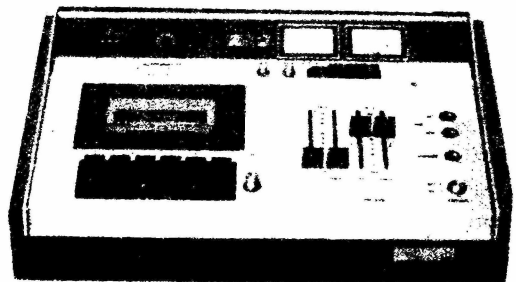
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UP TO DATE CONTAINER CARRIER FINDS PROBLEMS UNLOADING CARGO INTO LIGHTERS ON OPEN SEA

Karlander's up-to-date container carrier "Hanseat" turned out to be not quite right for a Norfolk style lighterage operation last week.

Unloading the 1050 tons of cargo began on Monday and there was still freight in the hold on Sunday, with choppy seas making a start that day problematical.

During the week drivers awaiting on the jetty killed time yarning, skylarking, reading and playing cards as the cargo came ashore painfully slowly.

Cartage contractor Colin Knight, who runs five trucks, reflected gloomily that with a bit of luck he might just break even on the job.

As torn carton after torn carton of liquor came ashore, to be repacked on the jetty before going into bond.

However, Revenue Manager, Gil Hitch said, it wasn't as bad as might be expected.

The headache was aluminium cans, he thought, which tore open easily.

And as soon as this happened, the carton became wet and lost all strength.

There was reported to be evidence

of a considerable amount of pilfering before goods reached Norfolk, with Christmas gift type consignments worst hit.

Well you couldn't please everyone, Martins Agencies Manager Bill Blucher said philosophically.

The "Tauloto should have been coming but was diverted to Fiji, where wheat had run out.

"Hanseat" was diverted to Norfolk where shortages were developing, including one of gas.

The 1843 ton "Hanseat" was greased lightning at the wharf, and her cranes were rated best in the world.

But they were single wire type, allowing the load to swing freely when operated in a swell.

To add to the problems, "Hanseat" encountered heavy weather on the way to Norfolk from Sydney, and goods in the holds toppled a little, wedging pallets tight.

\$4000 Norfolk poster plan

A SUGGESTION THAT Norfolk might spend \$4000 on a schoolroom display poster for Australian and Island schools has gone to the finance committee of Norfolk Council.

The poster was suggested by the public relations branch of the Australian Capital Territory, because of constant requests by school children for material on Norfolk.

The Admin received similar requests, Deputy Administrator Charles Buffett noted.

Councillor Bill Blucher objected to the proposal, saying the money would be better spent on the Central School on Norfolk.

FREEZER

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fresh fruit and vegetables were tipped over Headstone during a glut, and within a matter of weeks were unobtainable again.

Sometimes hundreds of dollars worth went over at a time.

Building began 12 months ago, and the freezer was finished by a team from New Zealand.

The freezer rests on an eight-inch thick reinforced concrete base, and the coolroom a four-inch thick base.

Special safety locks enable anyone trapped in the freezer to undo the catch from the inside.

Cost of living

TWO WAYS OF dealing with inflation on Norfolk were proposed by councillors during discussion of the further 6.5 per cent increase in shipping costs notified last month.

Councillor Ab Bathie said that rather than discussing how to reduce local wages, the Council should be considering introduction of quarterly cost-of-living adjustments to wages to keep up with inflation.

However, Chairman of Committees Richard Bataille said they should be thinking about incentives to primary production, so the Island would not depend so heavily on imported food.

Council approves draft absentee land levy law

THE LONG-DISCUSSED absentee landowners' levy has come one step closer.

The levy would be two per cent of the Unimproved Capital Value of land.

Council approved the draft of the new ordinance at last meeting.

It was not known how much money the measure would raise, and it was accepted that the costs of valuing the land and notifying the absentee owners could be heavy.

long run

However, it was felt that the levy would be profitable in the long run.

Any owner who does not pay the levy and is in arrears for five years is in danger of losing his land to the Council, which would apply through the Courts for resumption or sale of the section.

Deputy Administrator Charles Buffett told the Councillors that a total of 257 blocks were held by people having no resident status at all.

Two were owned by absent declared residents, two by people on Temporary Entry permits, and two by holders of Enter and Remain permits.

People born on Norfolk and thus eligible to be declared residents automatically held 23 blocks.

The main reason for the ordinance, Chairman of Committees Richard Bataille said, was, in one sense, because companies and corporate bodies were holding land and contributing nothing to revenue.

"They own the valuable land," Councillor Bataille declared.

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can get this status."

The present Immigration Ordinance might not satisfy everyone, Councillor Bataille admitted, and in fact should be tougher.

Everyone was aware of the long list of applications for permanent entry.

"Perhaps the time is approaching for entry on permanent basis to be on replacement only," he said.

Councillor Lyle Snell said he thought the Council was getting away from the point of the letter, which was a request for guidelines for would be immigrants.

There was no suggestion that personal details be made public.

"They're just asking for a set policy of some sort," he said.

However, other Councillors strongly supported the concept that application details not be made public.

Anyone who was turned down as an immigrant, or for that matter, accepted, could find out why by asking a member of the Board, or a Councillor, or the Administrator.

"A few people are dissatisfied with the manner in which perhaps some of their friends or cronies have been dealt with," Councillor Ab Bathie commented.



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PLAN FOR GIANT FISHING BOAT BASE THROWN OUT

A SCHEME TO make Norfolk a base for a big Taiwanese and Korean fishing fleet has been rejected as impractical by the Council.

And the Council has called on the Australian Government to keep Japanese fishing boats outside a 12 mile limit.

The proposal for a base was passed

Engledow letters

THE DEPARTMENT OF the Capital Territory may suggest that the 90 minute safety rule be relaxed to allow Fokker F.27s to fly to Norfolk.

This was revealed in one of several letters to the Commission by the Secretary, Mr. Lou Engledow.

Mr. Engledow denied that only the big jets had been considered in drawing up the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Fokker F.27, F.28 and DeHavilland Dash-7 were considered by the impact study team.

TAA was not interested in F.28s, and although East West Airlines was, this would raise problems with the two-airline policy.

The Dash-7 was still on the drawing board and the payload was not favourable.

A further, revised Impact Statement was being drawn up.

Commenting on the Council's independent approach to Canberra Departments seeking proof of the estimate that, all told, Norfolk was costing Australia \$2m plus to administer, Mr. Engledow said that replies were showing the first estimates were, in fact, too low.

Mr. Engledow provided no encouragement to Council for an early visit by an agricultural economist, requested several months ago.

The matter had been discussed with the Department of Agriculture.

But because of heavy commitments and limited resources, a private economist might have to be retained, and it was not clear who would pay him.

Mr. Engledow also strongly defended himself under what he called temperate attacks made by the Council over the suggested appointment of a legal drafting officer.

on to the Council last Wednesday by Councillor Lyle Snell in the form of a letter addressed to him by the chairman of Fairsea International Pty. Ltd., Mr. Cecil Cheng.

Councillor Snell said he was not involved in the scheme at all.

Mr. Cheng said he had been referred to Councillor Snell by a friend, Mr. Norm McCoy.

The proposition included bunkering and victualling up to 50 deep sea fishing boats, provision of repair facilities, a 2000 ton cold storage facility and a cannery.

However, Mr. Cheng saw very little prospect for his scheme coming into being while the Australian Government retained control of Norfolk.

Councillor Bruce McKenzie noted that the last Australian-Japanese fishing agreement had expired.

He asked that the Australian Government be approached to bar Japanese vessels from 12 miles off Norfolk rather than the previously agreed 3 miles.

556 Norfolk-born live on mainland

AT LAST COUNT, 397 Norfolk-born were living in Australia and 159 in New Zealand.

Figures supplied by the Australian Bureau of Statistics to the Royal Commission showed:

Census	Males	Females	Total
Year 1966	180	202	382
Year 1971	188	209	397

The figure for 1971 included 15 islanders visiting Australia.

The corresponding figure for 1966 was not available, the Bureau said.

Figures from the New Zealand Department of Statistics showed:

Census Year	Total
1951	164
1956	180
1961	188
1966	186
1971	159

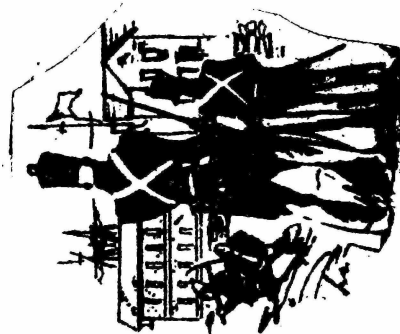
The 1971 census figure of 159 comprised 83 males and 76 females.

The Australian Bureau also supplied figures for Norfolk for the 1971 census.

There were 824 males and 859 females at June 30 that year, giving a total of 1683 people.

Of these, 240 males and 214 females, a total of 454, were Norfolk born.

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Tongans celebrate 100th birthday of their constitution

TONGA'S CENTENARY DAY
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tutional rule dawned to an overcast
sky and every likelihood of some
rain. Sure enough, just when every-
one, excepting the overseas guests
to the celebrations, had settled down
to their respective places around the
Royal Tombs in Mala'ekula, a typ-
ical tropical downpour thoroughly
drenched everyone not under the
shelters.

It was nine o'clock in the morn-
ing, one hour before His Majesty was
due at Mala'ekula, and already there
were more than an estimated twenty
thousand people present which in-
cluded more than sixteen thousand
school children from all Tongatapu
...secondary schools, middle schools
and primary schools.

In spite of the inclement weather,
everything went according to sche-
dule. When Their Majesties arrived,
the President of the Free Wesleyan of
Tonga Rev. Dr 'Amanaki Havea
called the gathering to worship,
which was followed by a hymn read
by Pastor Hufanga Fui of the Seventh
Day Adventists. This was followed
by the unveiling of the memorial
monument of Her Late Majesty Queen
Salote Tupou III by His Majesty King
Taufa'ahau Tupou IV.

This was a moving ceremony and
everyone present could not help but
silently recall fond memories of the
late Queen of Tonga so beloved not
only in Tonga but throughout the
world.

THE TONGA CHRONICLE.

Straying dogs on Lord Howe Island

At the meeting of the Island Com-
mittee held on Monday night, 10th
November, the subject of straying
dogs came up again for discussion.
It was pointed out by some speakers
that the same straying dogs or their
predecessors had been the subject
for discussion by all Committees,
probably ever since there has been
an Island Committee. In spite of all

this discussion and the various plans
suggested for keeping them home they
still make a nuisance of themselves
in public places and elsewhere.

It was no doubt inevitable that the
same old problem should again be
put to a new committee in the hope
that they would have an answer.
After some head scratching they de-
cided that they had no new and satis-
factory answer but did suggest that
some member of the public might
come up with an answer. It was even
suggested that a prize be offered for
the best solution tendered. One mem-
ber suggested that a suitable prize
might be for the winner to take his
selection from the local dog popula-
tion, no doubt including the worst
offending strays.

Anyhow the Committee would like
it to be known that they will wel-
come suggestions. That is NEW sugges-
tions. Things like asking the owners
to keep their dogs at home, organis-
ing a pound, requiring registration
fees, banning future importation of
dogs or simply sending out a vigilante
committee armed with shotguns has al-
ready been discussed. If anyone can
think of an answer to the problem,
and seriously it is a very real problem,
would they please discuss it with a
member of the Committee or the Isl-
and Superintendent.

THE LORD HOWE ISLAND "SIGNAL"

Coral harvests

INTERIOR SECRETARY THOMAS
KLEPPE said yesterday a federal
regulation issued September 10 makes
it a federal offense, punishable by
six months in prison and a \$2,000
fine, to harvest coral from federal
waters more than three miles from
Hawaii's shores.

The rule forbids the gathering of
coral in federal waters by commer-
cial gatherers, such as the Maui
divers, unless they have been gran-
ted federal permission. The harvest-
ing of black coral is an important
ingredient in Hawaii's multi-million-
dollar-a-year jewellery industry.

The order applies to both live
and dead coral and reefs.

"Commercial exploration is as
great a threat to Hawaii's coral and
marine life as it is to coral reefs off
the shores of other coastal states,"
Kleppe said.

NEWS BULLETIN - PAGO PAGO.

THE QUEUE FOR MORE TOURIST BEDS FORMS BEHIND ACCOMMODATION PROPRIETORS ASSOCIATION

If the Council authorises the building of more tourist accommodation, first refusal should go to present proprietors.

If they don't take up the full quota of new beds, island-born applicants should have a chance to get into the industry.

And if beds are still needed, then outsiders should be given a bite at the pie.

This proposal was put to the Royal Commission by the chairman of the Norfolk Island Accommodation Proprietors Association, Mr. Maxwell Inglis.

Presenting the submission, Mr. Inglis, Australian-born, said he first came to Norfolk five years ago, and had been living here three years.

He owned Tropicque Flats, although about to sell out, and was in business partnership with Mr. Joe Nobbs, retailing and food processing.

Mr. Inglis said the A.P.A. had 28 members, but one, White Heron Lodge, was not active.

Two members refused to sign the submission because they did not agree

with the new-beds proposal.

Mrs. Gordie Hancherow, of Ponderosa Apartments, said Pitcairn descendants should have first refusal.

On the other hand, Mr. Len Christian-Bailey, of The Crest, felt applications should stand on merit.

At present, members provided 902 tourist beds, Mr. Inglis said.

Four operators accounted for the majority of beds --- Hotel Norfolk 140, South Pacific Hotel 120, Hibiscus Lodge Apartments 110, and Paradise Hotel 90 --- a total of 460.

A breakdown of ownership showed that the six Pitcairn descended members of the A.P.A. accounted for 107 of the total of 902 beds.

With one exception, all other proprietors were Australian or New Zealand born, although 10 were permanent residents of Norfolk.

"It is common knowledge that there are other beds in private homes and flats that are let to tourists from time to time," Mr. Inglis said. "These may total 50."

The number of beds actually occupied averaged only 600 in A.P.A.

accommodation.

The accommodation industry provided 170 jobs --- 100 in the hotels, and the rest in guest houses or apartments, Mr. Inglis said.

However, the figure was not definite, including managers and owners.

In addition, most other employees were casuals and might have more than one job.

In answer to a question from Mr. Hampson, Q.C., assisting the Commission, Mr. Inglis said the hourly rate was about \$2, although some paid \$1.50.

Mr. Hampson asked what contribution the accommodation proprietors made to public revenue.

There was none, although an optional payment of \$50 a year might be made to the Tourist Bureau of \$50 a year for advertising, which was matched by the Admin.

The submission included a tourist trade projection made in 1970, which predicted 19,200 tourists in 1975 --- "Close to the actual figure" Mr. Inglis commented.

A trend to shorter stays by tourists was world-wide, and could mean that many more people might visit the

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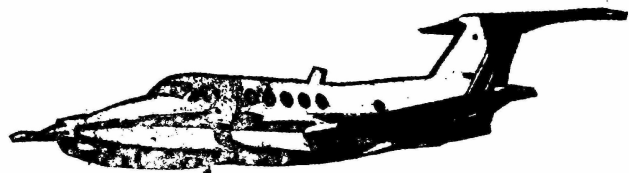
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TOURIST BEDS

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island without increasing the number staying at any one time.

With the present 902 beds, there was an average potential of 29,766 tourists a year.

If the average stay dropped to seven days, the potential would increase to 473,000 a year.

"The ceiling number of beds suggested by Council is 1,000 beds" Mr. Inglis said.

"This would increase the above figures to 33,000 and 52,000 respectively."

However, the effective occupancy rate at present was two out of three available beds.

disquiet

There was some disquiet about the issuing of Council permits to expand accommodation, Mr. Inglis said.

Some members had applications to build in for some years, without obtaining a permit, and then new flats appeared elsewhere.

However, there was a possible explanation for this apparent favoritism.

For instance, an applicant might receive a permit to build 15 flats and proceed to build only five.

He might put up the others years later, under the terms of the permit.

Mr. Inglis said he himself had an application in to build five extra flats at Tropic Flats.

During that period, three blocks of flats had been built elsewhere.

The A.P.A. favored self-government for Norfolk, Mr. Inglis told the Commission, in co-operation and association with Australia.

development

The proprietors felt that development of the island should be restricted to a level that would not endanger the character and atmosphere of the island.

This could be achieved by limiting the number of tourists through setting a ceiling on beds.

"An annual limit to the intake is not practical, as the length of stay may alter" Mr. Inglis said.

The A.P.A. felt there was an urgent need to modernise the air service from Sydney.

"The present Qantas DC-4 service places the island's tourist attractions at a definite disadvantage when compared to other resorts," Mr. Inglis said.

"Some are much further distant from Sydney, with cheaper air fares, and faster, more comfortable travel.

For example, at the moment a seven day holiday in Noumea, accommodation paid, costs \$237,

TIME MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO RE-TEST PUBLIC OPINION ON PROPOSED QUARANTINE STATION

ANOTHER REFERENDUM has been proposed over the controversial planned quarantine station for Norfolk.

The issue was raised again at the Royal Commission by Cr. Richard Bataille, making a private submission on his own behalf.

"The time could be appropriate for testing public opinion again" Councillor Bataille told the Commission.

However, he added, he was not in favour of any referendum being held until the law was changed to enable only bona fide residents to vote.

Unfortunately, the arguments over the station were highly technical and beyond the grasp of most people.

The station would provide employment for tradesmen while being built and jobs when initially operating for eight to 12 Islanders.

Young Islanders could train for the six to eight other professional positions involved.

The station would provide a permanent market for crops, sold at ruling Australian prices plus freight.

Pastures would be upgraded and noxious weeds kept down.

A service would be provided for people wishing to take domestic animals to the mainland.

There would be numerous other advantages, Councillor Bataille added, including other obscure services too numerous to mention.

"The good farming land is still owned by Norfolk Islanders" Councillor Bataille said.

Mr. Hampson asked if the proposed station would be a tourist attraction.

"I think it would be of great interest to cattle breeders" Councillor Bataille replied.

Others would become interested after they arrived, in the same way that many tourists without historical knowledge developed an interest in the ruins.

However, it would be difficult for anyone to get in without especially good reason. Decontamination procedures would be needed both on the way into the station and on the way out.

On the subject of voting qualifications, Councillor Bataille said five years residency should be required.

Told by Counsel that the Citizens Association, represented by Mr. Graham Hitchins, suggested two, Councillor Bataille said at a meeting chaired by Mr. Hitchins he represented 30 or 40 people.

"I represent 60 to 70 per cent of

the voters of Norfolk Island" Councillor Bataille said.

Asked about pressure from Island organisations to have immigration decisions made public, Councillor Bataille replied:

"My view is that curiosity killed the cat."



Personal details should be kept private.

In any case, the Immigration Review Board stipulated that it did not want to know personal details.

After 100 years of peaceful existence on Norfolk, Councillor Bataille said, outside influences had infiltrated into the Island and were trying to change the Islander's way of life.

Very few Islanders had a stake in the tourist industry, Councillor Bataille told the Commission.

"We don't get much out of the tourist industry" he commented.

Most development was from outside money, although some Islanders managed to establish themselves in a small way in tourist flats.

"The only other opportunity to become involved is to become waiters or barmen in a hotel.

"This is not very attractive employment to an Islander" Councillor Bataille said.

He agreed with a suggestion by Counsel assisting the Commission, Mr. Cedric Hampson Q.C. that Islanders would be retrenched if the tourist industry declined.

Although a few Islanders were in the accommodation industry, far fewer actually owned shops.

FUTURE HISTORIANS will be amazed when they examine the last issue of the News.

They will find that its first page is dated "24 November" but that the paper contained much news that actually did not happen until after that date.

Gullible historians may think the News staff was psychic. Smarter ones will quickly discover that two issues in a row were dated Nov. 24 on page one.

To save them confusion, you may like to fix up last week's issue. Here is a correct date you can paste on the front page if you are a fanatic for accuracy:

1 DECEMBER 1975

Welcome to Norfolk Visitors -- Lift out this supplement and keep it with you. Info on times & places. Map of the Island.

NORFOLK TOURIST NEWS

Many Duty-Free Shops Open on the Weekend

Mostly, Burnt Pine shops are open from 9am to 12.30, and from 2pm to 5.30. Mostly they close Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The larger stores tend to be open more hours and are more likely to be open Sunday mornings. One of the pleasant things about running a small shop on Norfolk is that you can weigh very light store traffic against very beautiful weather outside, say "this is crazy," shut the doors again, and go to the beach or work in the garden. Don't be upset if someone is closed -- envy them.

Places offering a bite to eat (sandwiches, take-away meals, fish and chips etc.) have varying hours, and if you find one you like make a note of its hours so you won't be disappointed another day.

The Milk Bar (really a general store) and Burns Philp's store at Middlegate are both open long hours, every day, and provide a real service to visitors and residents alike.

Post Office Ready to Help; and 1¢ Postage!

Norfolk may be the last place in the world where you can mail a local letter for 1c. There are collection boxes at several places around the island, but there is no mail delivery; everyone picks up his mail from the Post Office in Burnt Pine.

It opens at 8.54am, closes for lunch from 12.30 to 1.15pm, and is open until 5pm -- on weekdays only.

Postmaster Foxy McCoy and Edie Christian, Lorraine Conaghan and Peter Evans actually work longer hours than that. Mail is sorted right after its arrival by air every day but Sunday. People with postal emergencies have been known to communicate with the P.O. staff after hours by calling through the mail slots, so if you see someone talking to a slot some evening don't be unnerved.

Sydney closing times are Sunday at 12.30pm, Wednesday and Saturday at 11.30am. Auckland; 12.30pm Sunday, 4.00pm Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for despatch the following day.

Back issues of Norfolk's unique stamps aren't sold by the Post Office. If you want them (and many people

do, for they are nice to have and a good investment), go see Amy Bathie at DeChesne's Store across from the Milk Bar.

This Week on Norfolk

MONDAY

Housie, Leagues Club
Smorgasbord, South P. Hotel
Film, Norfolk Hotel

TUESDAY

Commandant's Dinner, Garrison
Film, Paradise Hotel
Film, Leagues Club
Darts, R. S. L. Club

WEDNESDAY

School sailing Emily Bay 1pm
Film, sm'bord, Valley View
N.I. Film, Paradise Hotel
Open Night, Norfolk Hotel

THURSDAY

Island dinner, Branka House
Housie, Leagues Club
Barbeque, South Pac. Hotel
Film, R. S. L. Club

FRIDAY

Open Night, Paradise Hotel
Film, R. S. L. Club

SATURDAY

Open Night, Norfolk Hotel
Barbeque, South Pac. Hotel
Housie, R. S. L. Club

SUNDAY

Film, sm'bord, Valley View

Good Phone and Cable Links, But Not 24Hrs

International phone calls and telegrams are handled by the Norfolk Branch of Australia's Overseas Telecommunications Commission, 100 yards or so up New Cascade Road from the main shopping thoroughfare.

Christine Sheridan is the phone operator weekdays, Margaret Christian in the evenings, and Jess Buffett on weekends.

Overseas phones operate from 10am

a complaint? a bouquet?

There is a suggestion box at the Tourist Bureau; or write the News, P. O. Box 94.

to 8pm Monday through Friday; from 10am to 6pm Saturdays; and from 10am to noon, and again from 3pm to 6pm on Sundays.

Three minutes to Australia costs \$3.75 (\$1.25 for additional minutes). A minimum call to New Zealand is \$4.68, plus \$1.56 for each minute over three. Sometimes there can be a delay. The beginning and end of each day are the busiest times, and if you must get through then it can help to make a booking in advance.

The telegraph office next door operates different hours; 9am to 6pm weekdays, 9am to 2.30pm Saturdays, and 9am to 2pm Sundays. John Brooksbank is manager. Chubby Gillan and Harry Nichols will sell you messages at 5c a word to either Australia or New Zealand. If you send a weekend telegram to Australia you'll need the phone number, because Australia doesn't deliver telegrams on Saturday or Sunday.

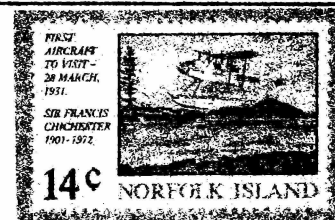
Telegrams are delivered on Norfolk by Merv Buffett, a job requiring good motorbike handling, a genius for spotting people on the road,



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PITCAIRN AND NORFOLK stamps, 1st Day Covers

BACK ISSUES -- VARIETY OF SETS
De Chesne's Store at Hospital Corner.

IT'S A PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO

NORFOLK ISLAND

Here are a few of the many things to see on the island. Enjoy them during the day -- you can shop late at the Milk Bar

1 AIRPORT TERMINAL and Air Cargo office

2 SHOPPING CENTRE, Post Office, Banks, Tourist Board

3 ISLAND ADMINISTRATION ; Bond Store for spirits

4 CEMETERY -- touching inscriptions on old headstones

5 BLOODY BRIDGE, site of one of Norfolk's legends

6 NORFOLK ISLAND GOLF CLUB -- visitors welcome

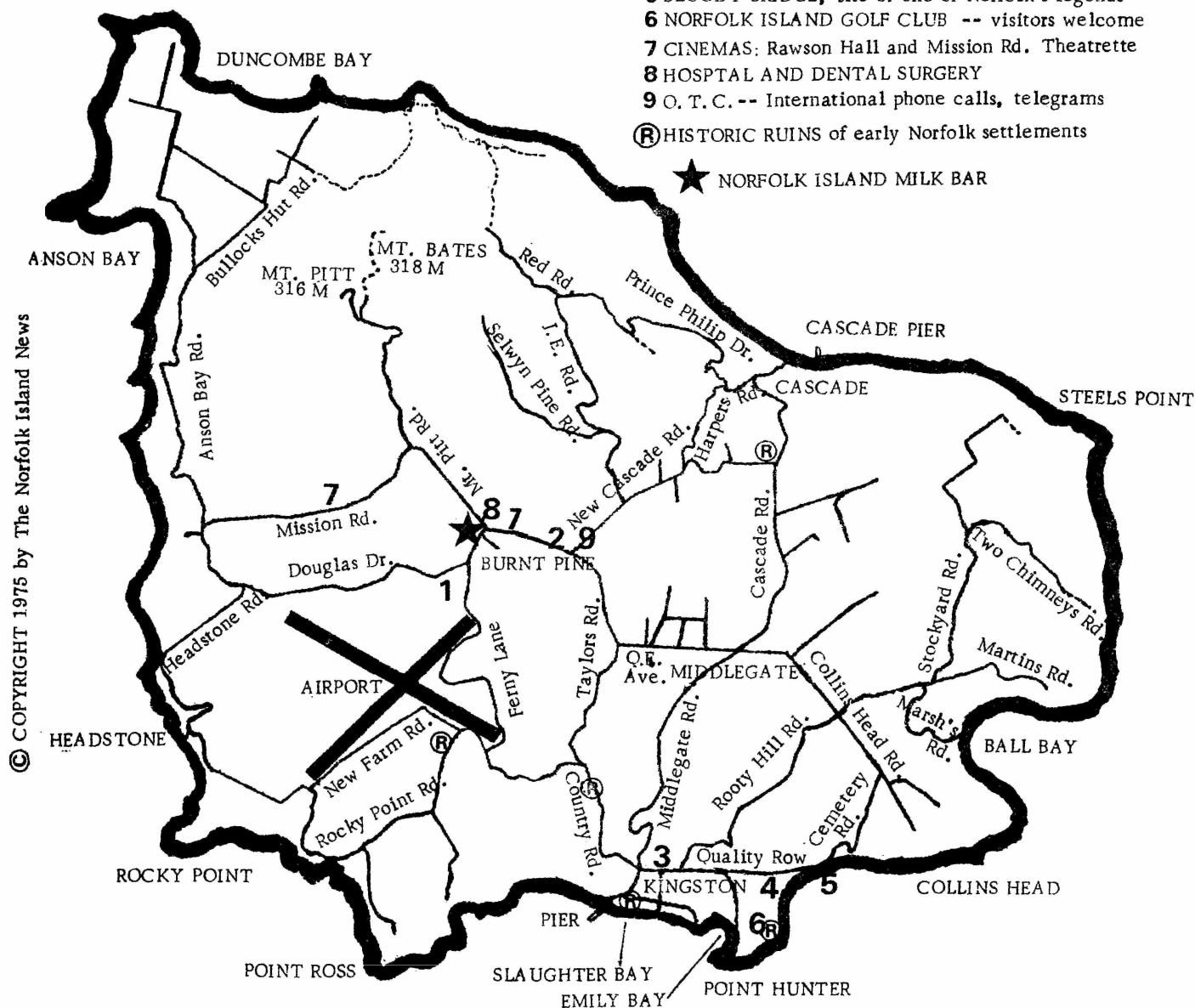
7 CINEMAS: Rawson Hall and Mission Rd. Theatrette

8 HOSPITAL AND DENTAL SURGERY

9 O. T. C. -- International phone calls, telegrams

(R) HISTORIC RUINS of early Norfolk settlements

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Low-Priced Grog, but Remember Bond's Hours

The Island's only "bottle shop" is the Administration-run Bond Store, in the New Military Barracks compound at Kingston.

The store is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and again from 2 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. It is closed the last weekday of each month for inventory.

The bond carries an ample range of spirits and liqueurs (about half mainland price), Sydney, Melbourne and sometimes German beers (about 12c a can less than mainland) and Australian and European wines (about the same as mainland.)

Goof LeCren and Pete Connolly are on duty to help you select. They point out that the bond imports most of its stock directly from the countries of origin.

Of special visitor interest are limited bottlings of reisling and claret in commemorative Norfolk Bi-Centenary bottles, and a growing range of miniature bottles of exotic liqueurs.

A branch of the bond store operates at the airport, for departing travellers only, and charges a bit higher prices - worth the convenience if you want to take some cheer back home with you.

A Priority N.I. Need

Norfolk meets its community needs mainly by community effort rather than by complicated welfare and taxation systems. One of the good causes people on Norfolk support and contribute to is the Norfolk Island Hospital.

Doctor: 9.30-11.30 and 2-3 Mon-Fri
Sat. (urgent only) 9-10am

Dentist: 9-5, weekdays only

Visiting: 11-12; 2-4; 7-8.30

As we hope visitors won't have to learn by personal experience, the hospital is well run.

If your enjoyment of Norfolk during your visit should make you wish there were something you might do for the island community in return, a contribution to the Norfolk Island Hospital Board may be forwarded to the News, P.O. Box 94.

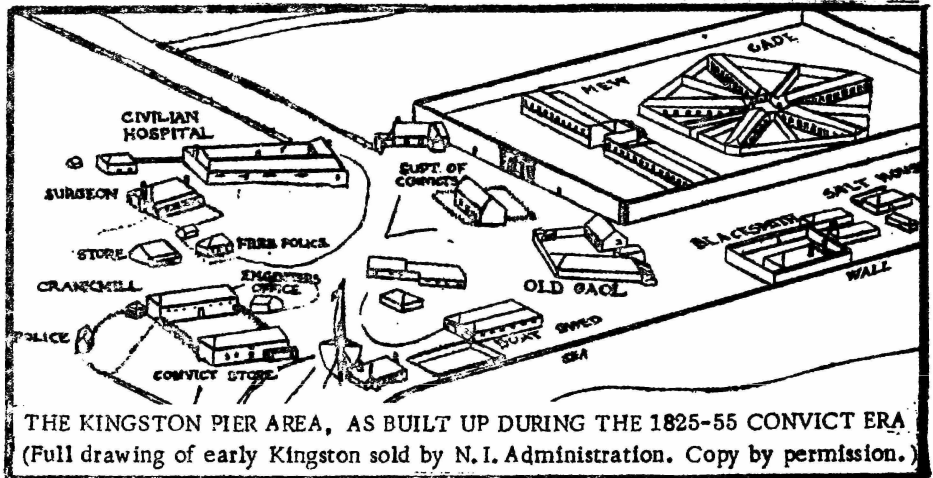
NORFOLK'S HISTORY: GRIM, FASCINATING, TOUCHING It's Worth a Thought...Reading...a Lifetime

That correct gentleman, Captain James Cook, discovered Norfolk Island in 1774. He spent only part of a day here but was anchored offshore looking at it for an afternoon and a night. He thought it was like New Zealand and was particularly taken by the Spruce Pines, as he called them, and being proper, thought of them as masts for His Majesty's Royal Navy. (For historians, Cook's Journals and Joseph Banks' Logs and even novels about Captain Bligh and Matthew

must have been discouraged. It is said their morale and morals were deteriorating by 1803; home-made spirits may have helped or hindered them.

By 1814 the Island was deserted.

In 1825 Norfolk Island became a penal settlement and was a hell on earth for most people living here. This period lasted 31 years. In spite of the misery a great deal of work was done - land was cleared, fields worked and lovely Georgian buildings were erected. It also was a



THE KINGSTON PIER AREA, AS BUILT UP DURING THE 1825-55 CONVICT ERA
(Full drawing of early Kingston sold by N.I. Administration. Copy by permission.)

Flinders will really whet your appetite.)

Just after the First Fleet arrived in Botany Bay and meagre, muddy Sydney was beginning to be settled, Lieutenant Phillip Gidley King was sent to Norfolk by Captain Arthur Phillip in H.M.S. "Supply" to start a settlement to prevent the Island being settled by any other European power. King took along 24 settlers, 15 of whom were convicts.

For some time there was question of whether Sydney in New South Wales or Sydney (Norfolk Island) would be the most successful colony. (Sydney on Norfolk Island was changed to Kings Town and then Kingston.)

The Island settlement was hard to maintain for many reasons - distance and difficulty of access being two of them, and it was decided that bonded and free settlers should be moved to Tasmania. The settlers had worked very hard to farm the land and eke out an existence, and

time when some of the cruelest punishments in British history were meted out.

In 1855 the convict settlement was abandoned and in June 1856, 194 Islanders from Pitcairn Island landed here. These new settlers, descendants of the "Bounty" mutineers, had over-populated Pitcairn, and for romantic and practical reasons were given Norfolk Island.

The difficulties, uniqueness and genuine love of this Island of the families who stayed here would take volumes of a historian's time. The marvelous thing is that most did stay.

In 1856 Norfolk Island was created a "distinct and separate settlement." In 1913 the Island became a territory of Australia. It is now administered by the Department of the Capital Territory, with an Administrator appointed by Canberra on the Island, and an Advisory Council elected by the residents of Norfolk.

Visitors Welcome at N.I. Church Services

CATHOLIC:

Sunday mass 8.00am, 9.30am,
5.30pm. Weekday mass, 5.30pm.
Father Des. Scanton.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND:

Communion service at All Saints,
Kingston, at 10.30 a.m. Sunday,
prayer service at St. Barnabas
Chapel at 7.30 p.m. Sunday.
Sunday School at 9.15 a.m.
Rev. Colin Berriman.

METHODIST:

Sunday School 10 a.m., services at
11am and 7.30pm. Pastor John Sharp.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:

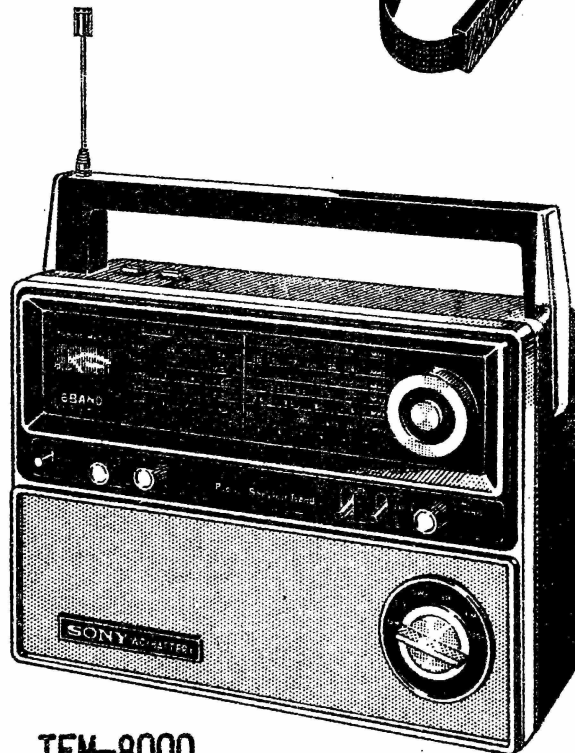
Sabbath School at 9.45 a.m.
Saturdays, Service at 11.15 a.m.,
Saturdays. Pastor Ray Sills.

TTTough! and smoooth

Sony now redefines what a radio is all about with model ICF-5500M, Captain 55—a high-performance 4-band portable receiver for the FM, SW, MW and Marine bands. The dynamic-styling of Captain 55 includes excellent features you would never expect to find in a portable unit—for example, dynamic 2.8 watt output, amazing sensitivity due to the FET (Field Effect Transistor), excellent selectivity thanks to the Ceramic Filters, and many attractive controls and functions. A convenient timer, a loudness control, separate bass and treble tone controls, a large multipurpose meter, jacks for stereo sound, and much more. All these make operating Captain 55 a new pleasure in itself. This mechanical black-faced Captain 55 is the fruit of Sony's advanced engineering and superb technology. Its great reliability and durability, assured by all solid-state circuitry including an IC (Integrated Circuit), combine to make Captain 55 a "ship and shore" portable. On board ship or in the mountains, this 4-band high performer, the captain of portable radio units, will guide you to many hours of listening pleasure!

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LIVING

OUR FRIEND ASTRID JOHNSON, a most attractive and successful person, says she was an unhappy little ugly duckling during her Swedish childhood.

Her parents were an exceptionally handsome couple. Her older brothers and sisters were beautiful, and each member of the family except Astrid had a fine singing voice. "I couldn't carry a tune in a hand basket," she says.

Her father had some wealth then, and sent his children to a private school, where music was of first importance. The pupils were all required to sing, but the suffering teacher divided them into two groups, The Bests and The Worsts.

"She put me in the Worsts" says Astrid "and my father felt I'd disgraced the family forever. But I tried. Oh, how hard I tried!"

"There was a big family party at Christmas time. The other children sang, and everybody made much of them. My father was ashamed of me, I could tell. But after a while my favorite uncle came over. 'How are you getting along in school?' he asked me.

"So I told him my grades, which were good. And then he said, 'And how are you getting along in singing class?' I said, 'Well, I'm trying very hard, and I do believe I'm the best of the Worsts.'"

That's the way I feel about gingerbread. It isn't on my list of the Ten Top Desserts, but it certainly is one of the best of the worsts.

In it's favor; it is easy to make, inexpensive, nutritious, and (most important if you're raising starving children with hollow legs) it is filling.

Basic recipe: 2 c. flour, ½ c. sugar (brown or white), 1 t. cinnamon, 1 t. ginger, ½ t. cloves, 1 t. nutmeg, 2½ t. baking powder, ¼ t. soda. Mix together: ½ c. molasses, ½ c. liquid, ½ c. melted butter (or substitute) and 1 egg. Combine with dry ingredients. Pour into well greased 8 in. square pan and bake at 325 for about 25 mins.

Good with tea, or milk or fruit.

Note: For Australians, Norfolk Islanders, New Zealanders, it is a good thing to bear in mind that for all American recipes requiring flour it is necessary to use this formula: ¾ C plain flour plus ¼ C cornflour equals 1 C American flour. There is a great difference between standard American flour and plain flour.

questions & answers in a Norfolk Garden

A FEW MORE pot plants for indoor patios and green-houses for those who are beginners at growing these.

Rex Begonias are really colourful, but unless care is taken to regularly spray these against wax and/or powdery mildew, they do not do so well. Strabilanthes - a very pretty plant, easy to grow, foliage being metallic purple.

Syngonium - an indoor climber, may be trained around a totem pole, or any interesting wood; this is closely related to Philodendron. Good plant for an awkward corner. Easy to grow.

Caladiums - these bulbs are in leaf most of the year; the heart shaped leaves are in many patterns and colours. Some are transparent. They like rich soil, plenty of rotted manure, and above all moisture.

Anthuriums - There are many varieties of these but one most grown has bright coloured spathe (lily-like flower) not a true flower.

Bakerii, strap leaf from crown, spathe bright red, long lasting.

Andreanum - heart shaped leaves, from crown spathes, red pink orange-red. Very attractive. Very easy culture.

Orchids are a culture of their own, not as difficult as one is inclined to think. Try cymbidiums to start with. There are many good handbooks to help the beginner grow these truly rewarding plants.

Now for some basket plants.

Achimenes - mauve blue and pink colours.

Cissus - discoloured red and green with purple reverse.

Ceropegia, Woodii, common names "Queen's necklace," also known as "trail of hearts" - easy to grow, belongs to succulent family.

Columnea - bright orange/red flowers. Keep in shade and cool.

Hoya - Latifolia, a white hoyia is very good specimen for basket.

Enough for now, but remember there are endless plants one can use for both indoor patio and baskets. Not least being geraniums and fuschias. Until next week "good potting".

RESIGNATION IN PROTEST

by Edward Weisband and
Thomas M. Franck.

UNLIKE THEIR COUNTERPARTS in Britain, who often depart noisily for reasons of political principle, resigning American Cabinet members and high Washington bureaucrats tend to leave the Government like guests who have been to a bad party but are too polite to say so. They smile gamely, they send the President thank-you notes.

Such soft-shoe exits, say the authors of this persuasive book, are unhealthy for the U.S. The reason; they often help turn misguided policies into national disasters without ever bringing them to public issue from within the Government itself. The war in Viet Nam is the best recent example.

Though plenty of public opposition to U.S. policy in Viet Nam developed, the dissidents were deprived both of essential information - which the Government said it alone possessed and could not release for reasons of security - and of a respectable Establishment figure to rally around. Former Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, Weisband and Franck claim, was one of the insiders long tortured by doubts about the war. If he had resigned and openly turned against U.S. Viet Nam policy the formidable mental powers that he had originally used to analyze the war, the fighting might have ended far sooner.

loyalty

Genuine personal loyalty, of course, is often involved in a decision to go along with bad policy, as well as a worldly knowledge that no policy will work without compromise. But the authors believe that official silence and mousetrap retirement are often the result of a national emphasis on team play at all costs.

Other reasons for the silent exits are more self-serving. Dissidents do not prosper in Washington. The man who makes his opposition known quietly, then leaves without a fuss is likely to be rewarded with another high-level post later on. If he publicly tells why he is leaving, however, he is, the authors say, almost always left out in the cold thereafter. "Further prospects of service in the Executive Branch are out of the question. Appointments to the Judiciary are unlikely to be proffered. Election to Congress is virtually precluded."

GERALD CLARKE - Time

SAME-DAY NEWSPAPERS
late in the day on
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Ferny Lane

OFFICIAL AIRCRAFT NOISE LEVELS ARE 'A LOAD OF CODSWALLOP' ACCORDING TO ACOUSTIC EXPERT

AIRCRAFT NOISE levels stated by
the Department of Transport are mis-
leading, Mr. John Anderson said

in a further appearance before
the Royal Commission.

An Australian acoustical consul-
tant had reviewed the Department's
statement that few or no buildings
would be damaged by big-jet vibra-
tions, and that the effect would be
no worse than heavy trucks passing,
Mr. Anderson said. He told Mr. An-
derson by phone that these statements
were "a load of codswallop".

Cedric Hampson Q. C. mentioned
to Mr. Anderson that Qantas had
testified it just doesn't want the Nor-
folk route unless it gets a \$750,000-
a-year subsidy -- and "all the more
so because Qantas is going to phase
out the Boeing 707s. It is very diffi-
cult to believe Qantas is going to be
in the hat, so to speak," Mr. Hamp-
son said.

Mr. Anderson's latest submission
covered a wide range of environ-
mental matters. He believes em-
phasis on the importance of "duty-
free" shopping is misleading, and
that tourists come to the Island for

scenery, restfulness, flora and fauna,
and "get-away-from-it-all".

"The only real basis for tourism
is the Island's natural features," he
said, adding that he believed qual-
ity visitors should be encouraged, not
quantity visitors.

He outlined a recommended pro-
gram of surveys, land use planning
and environmental restoration, and
said that Lord Howe Island appears
"to be on the winning side in terms
of environmental issues" because of
environmental concern on the part
of New South Wales.

NORFOLK WILL KEEP its ancient law
barring alien land-ownership on the
books -- just in case.

This means the Crown can still act
to resume the title of any land held by
a non-British citizen.

Aliens didn't hold enough land at the
moment to be any worry, Chairman of
Committees Richard Bataille felt.

Legal Advisor Mr. Rumpit told the
Council that New Zealand had recently
acted to stop big American companies
buying up land freely.

RADIO NORFOLK --- DEC 8-14

NEWS: Mon-Fri 7.30 World & Local; 8.30 World &
Local; 10. Local; 12. Local; 1. World & Local

MONDAY

7.00 Music (Toon)
9.15 Music Round-
about (Daphne)
10.00 Local News
10.05 Petula Part 8
10.45 Morn. serial
11.00 Morning Concert
11.30 Guest of Honour
12.00 Local News
12.05 Pop Spectacular
1.00 News Radio Aust.

TUESDAY

7.00 Music (Yvon)
9.15 My Word (Beryl)
10.00 Local News
10.05 Memory Lane
10.45 Morning Serial
11.15 Vanity Fair
12.00 Local News
12.05 Sports Magazine
12.20 All That Jazz
1.00 News
1.15 Methodist Prog.

WEDNESDAY

6.30 Goons (Roger)

9.15 ABC Scope (Sylvia)
10.00 News
10.05 Where Angels Fear
to Tread
10.45 Hospital Prog.
Morn. Serial
12.00 Local News
12.05 Intern'l Call
1.00 News

THURSDAY

7.00 Music (Daphne)
9.15 Arts Magazine
9.30 Melody Time
10.00 Local News (Kathy)

10.45 Morning Serial
11.00 Requests
12.00 News
1.00 News
1.15 Seventh Day Adv.

FRIDAY

7.00 Music (Sylvia)
9.15 Music (Beryl)
10.00 Local News
10.05 World of Books
10.20 Bookworm

frequency, 1570 KHZ.

10.45 Morning Serial
11.00 Concert
11.30 Insight
12.00 News
12.05 Music & Songs of
Another Country
1.15 Church of England

SATURDAY

10.00 Music (Sylvia)
10.30 Star Interview
12.00 Local News
12.05 Requests
1.00 World News
Music from Radio
Aust.

SUNDAY

4.00 Music
4.45 Aust. Top 20
5.30 World News
6.45 Children's story
7.00 Story Time (Ivan)
7.15 Singers of Renown
8.00 Don Juan (22)
8.15 Music
8.45 Play - Affection
Unlimited

The correspondent Bet Tanner will have to remember that it is the landing at Kingston, Norfolk Island in 1856 from the "Morayshire" that the present day Islanders are portraying on 8th June Anniversary Day and NOT the landing from the Bounty at Pitcairn Island in 1790.



The clothing in the photos and which the women and men wear for the Anniversary Day has been designed to resemble as nearly as possible the clothing which the people would have worn when they left Pitcairn for their voyage here. For the 1956 Centenary celebrations the then Administrator H. Boyd Norman put in a lot of time in research and thought to portray a reasonably accurate version of the landing.



The land of their birth was Pitcairn Island and the clothing worn there bore the hand of the American and other influences in the ships that called at Pitcairn during those years. The missionaries in various countries had a hand in the design of "Mother Hubbards" and frowned on the natural grass clothing (the only material they could use - or tapa cloth) favoured by the

FROM TIME TO TIME in the Royal Commission hearings there was an echo of a thought often expressed by architects and town planners when they have visited Norfolk -- that Burnt Pine is a chaotic mess that ought to be straightened out.

Architects and town planners can make life more workable and satisfying, but they can also overlook simple principles of what ordinary people like and respond to.

One of the most brilliantly planned cities in the world is Brasilia, the remote capital of Brasil. Its governmental buildings and its layout are just magnificent. But the planners forgot to allow a district for rough-and-tumble shopping, coffee bars, nightclubs, shoe repair shops and other non-magnificent establishments that seem to go with cities.

Almost spontaneously a tent-and-shack town sprang up alongside Brasilia. It was totally unplanned, and from a planners' point of view it was a chaotic mess that should have been straightened out.

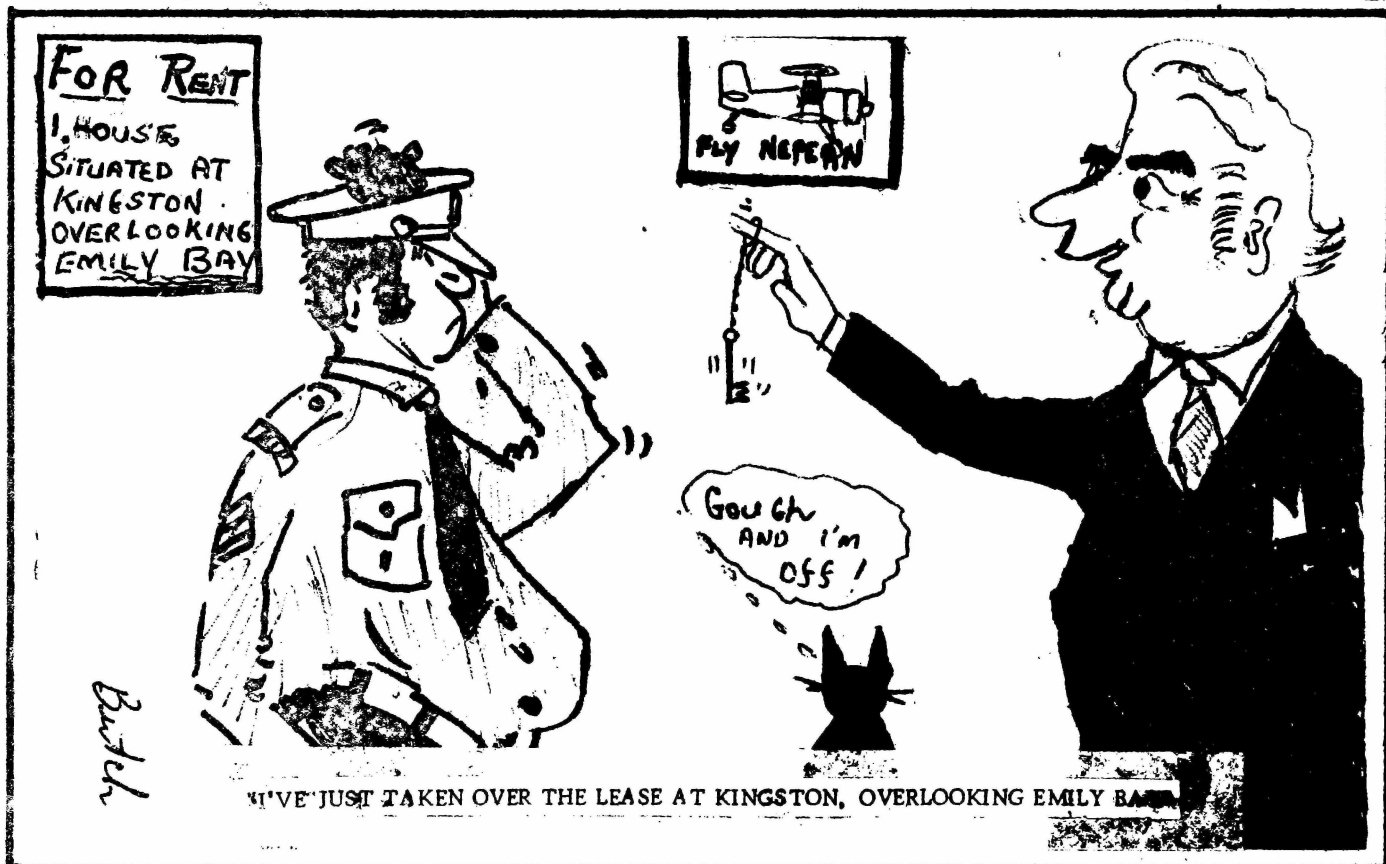
But when government offices closed at the end of the day, people went straight to the unplanned tent city. That's where the action was; that's where the life, and the bargains, and the flavour were.

Burnt Pine is rather the same. From a planning point of view - Yuck. From a human interest, bargains, activity, flavour point of view - Great. It has been built by ordinary human beings for other ordinary human beings, and compared with the Island's shopping facilities even ten years ago, it is a real attraction for visitors and a tremendous convenience for residents. We say it's a real asset to Norfolk, and we say three cheers -- well, two anyway -- for Burnt Pine.

women in the Pacific Islands. The women's names were the Bounty seamen's choice - Polly, Mary (Melle), Susan, Sarah (Salle), Dinah. The soft voices and the sweet singing is

still there today.

The "oak" flowers are finished before June but that is a delightful thought
HELEN MCCOY



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Friday, December 19

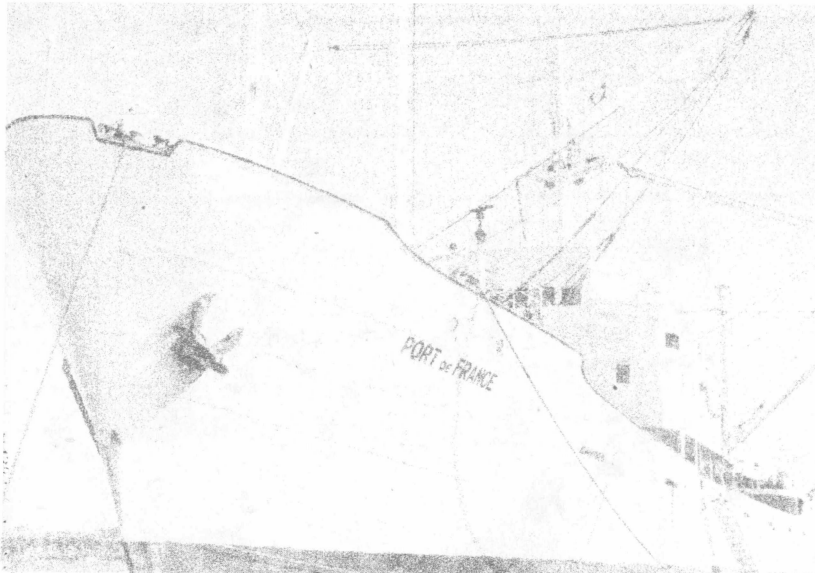


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PORT de FRANCE

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required cargo and
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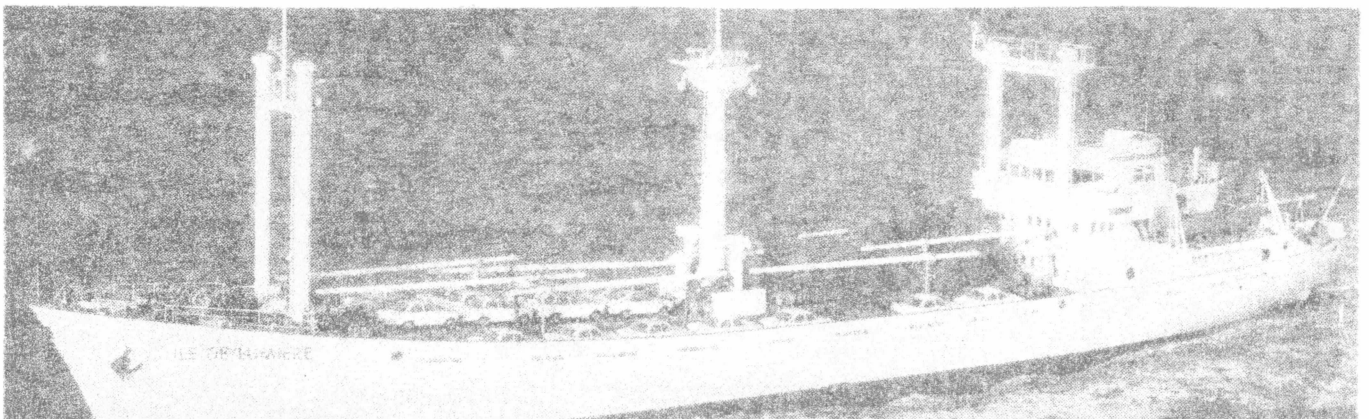
This vessel will proceed
to Whangarei to drydock.



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PORT de FRANCE

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January 12

Due to arrive Norfolk
January 15



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TERMINATE appointment Noel Henry Menzies, appoint Joseph Albert Jenkins as new Collector of Customs.
APPOINTMENT of David Ernest Buffett as Assisting Returning Officer for purposes of postal voting.
APPOINTMENT OF Ivens Francois Buffett as Registrar of Brands & Marks and Registrar of Dogs.
SUGGESTIONS in writing (to close 18 December 1975) for name of Mount Pitt Forestry Reserve.
POSTAL VOTING details available from Admin.
PUBLIC WORKS CALL as at Monday, 8th December.
APPOINTMENT Mrs. Margaret Silburn as Council Secretary to Norfolk Island Council.
NOTICE of Crown Lease rentals, due 31st December.
LICENSES for sale of food, slaughter house and hairdressing due 31/12/75.

AIR CARGO

QANTAS HAS IMPOSED a temporary restriction on the carrying of large, bulky items of air cargo from Sydney. The new restriction is likely to last until after the Christmas holiday season.

Over three flights from November 29 and 30 and December 3, Qantas carried in 550 kgm of freight.

Air New Zealand brought in 369 kgm on November 29, December 1 & 3.

Norfolk Island Airlines flew in 95 kgm Nov 30, 112 kgm Dec 3 and 107 kgm Dec 4.

SHOPS ARE MAJOR TOURIST ATTRACTION AND MAKE GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO ISLAND ECONOMY

The proposition that the so-called 'duty-free' shops are Norfolk's major tourist attraction was mauled by counsel when put forward by the Chamber of Commerce.

A supplementary submission was presented by Mr. Roger Newman, manager of the Sporting and Gift Centre, for the Chamber.

Tourist shops made the greatest single contribution to the Island's economy, Mr. Newman said.

Income from accommodation for the year ending June 1975 was only \$2 million of a total of \$10,334,000.

Purchases by residents accounted for 10 per cent of the total sales of goods, and Mr. Newman agreed with a suggestion by counsel assisting the Commission, Mr. Cedric Hampson, Q.C., that food imports had to be allowed for also.

Mr. Hampson suggested that more money being spent in shops than on accommodation didn't prove shops were the main attraction.

"In the opinion of the Chamber of Commerce, it certainly does," Mr. Newman asserted.

In his experience, Mr. Newman told the Commission, it was obvious the shops were Norfolk's main attraction.

The Chamber was strongly critical of Professor Butland's claim that this was not so.

Norfolk's tourists were people on restricted incomes, and were not the type to go to the Bahamas, Mr. Newman said.

They came to Norfolk because they were aware of the Island's duty-free shopping --- or rather, Mr. Newman added, 'reduced-duty' shopping.

However, Mr. Hampson commented that this was only opinion. Other tourist resorts had duty-free shops.

For places like Fiji, Hong Kong and Singapore, Mr. Newman replied, tourists needed a passport, vaccinations and special currencies.

Retail mark-up in tourist shops was 50 per cent on cost, Mr. Newman said.

This allowed for an average duty of five percent, cartage two per cent and insurance one per cent.

After overheads, profit on sales was 15 to 20 per cent.

Goods sold to tourists had to be priced

at not more than 60 per cent of the Australian or New Zealand price.

Shopkeepers' margins were once large, but prices were under pressure from factors that included increased duties of up to 17½ per cent, competition from mainland discount houses, rising freight rates and the Australian dollar devaluation.

The Chamber of Commerce believed that Norfolk's present tourist industry was buoyant, but affected by four factors.

These were actual tourist numbers, upgrading of the airport, accommodation and freedom from Australian taxes and other imposts.

"If business is to be burdened with taxation, prices will rise to make goods unsaleable to tourists" Mr. Newman warned.

Private enterprise already found it extremely difficult to compete with wages, hours and conditions

Staff of the Department of Transport, Meteorology office, Overseas Telecommunications Commission, the Bank of New South Wales and the Commonwealth Trading Bank were paid Australian wages, free of Australian tax.

The Admin paid 90 per cent of the corresponding Australian Public Service wage, again untaxed.

Mr. Newman agreed to provide further figures on employment and shop ownership to the Commission.

Traders paid nothing to public revenue, he said.

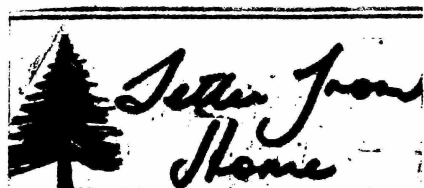
There were no strikes on Norfolk, because there were no unions.

The recent industrial dispute at the South Pacific Hotel was caused not by demands for more money but by demands of staff working six or seven days a week for time off.

The employees concerned left their jobs, and had to leave Norfolk.

Flights This Week

	From Syd.	To Syd.	From Akl.	To Akl.	From Bne.	To Bne.
M	-	-	10.30	11.45	-	8.30
T	-	-	-	-	-	-
W	1.35	2.45	10.30	11.45	1.00	2.00
T	-	-	-	-	2.30	-
F	1.35	2.45	10.30	11.45	-	-
S	1.35	2.45	10.30	11.45	5.30	8.30
S	4.20	5.20	10.30	11.45	5.15	8.30



This last weekend has certainly been a busy one for many people. The Wives and Mothers Club held its first fete on Saturday afternoon in Rawson Hall and judging by the response I think it could become an annual event. The bright splash of colour provided by the balloons and kewpi dolls suspended on their sticks drew large groups of children in that direction to see what else was there for them. They soon found the home-made sweets and toys. Bet the Mums and Dads enjoyed the sweets as much as the children did. There were lots of good ideas for Christmas presents on the fancy goods and hobby text stalls - attractive wall hangings and pillow slips all very reasonably priced, children's clothes, aprons and cushions. As always the cake stall was a great success, and the White Elephant stall was creating a good deal of interest. A great response by the members of the Club and also from the public who supported the function so well. Charlie Freshwater and George Plant helped create a lively carnival atmosphere with their popular chocolate wheel and a good deal of interest was shown in the Playcentre Bookstall. A total of \$97 worth of beautiful books was donated to the Playcentre - a tremendous response. Ruth Mendham and Wendy McGuinness were responsible for choosing them. The children next year will thoroughly enjoy all the beautiful stories and bright illustrations.

After purchasing their goods many people retired to the Supper Room to enjoy a hot cup of tea that Pat Anderson and Enid Plant were busy pouring out.

A comment heard during the afternoon - "These prices are too cheap." Don't hear that very often these days.

Have just heard that the total proceeds from all the stalls amounted to a total of \$600 - a terrific boost to the Playcentre building fund.

Another colourful scene of activity on Saturday night was the Leagues Club where the School Tour Committee had organised a tremendous smorgasbord. Whilst everyone was resting after they had sampled, or should I say, more than sampled, the delicious food prepared by the

mothers of next year's school tour children, Steve Galbraith asked two visitors to draw the raffles. The first was for a sack of potatoes - planted, watered and dug by Gerald Goudie - and won by Lloyd Pickering. The raffle for \$600 worth of furniture had proved most popular, 1100 tickets had been sold. Everyone held their breath in anticipation as the winning ticket was drawn. A lovely Christmas present for Francis Menghetti. Congratulations to Francis. Steve then thanked everyone who had worked so hard to make the evening a success. All the proceeds help to send the 6th grade pupils on their tour to Australia next year.

After the tables had been quickly cleared away the Don Reynolds trio kept the party swinging till about midnight - a most enjoyable night.

THE MORIBUND BROADCASTING Board may be brought back to life.

The proposal was put to Council by Councillor Lyle Snell, and he wondered if the members of the last Board were still interested.

"I believe the Board met once in the dim past," Deputy Administrator Charles Buffett commented.

Crank-mill bread

If "the crank-mill" is ever restored to working order, and there are plans shaping up to accomplish this, perhaps we can get our maize meal ground right here on the island. Wouldn't it be a good idea to get the tourists to push the crank.

We are fortunate, however, to be able to get both coarse and finely ground maize meal at Hettae. This is an old pre-Civil war U.S. southern recipe air-mailed to the "News" by a belle from Dixie.

SPOON BREAD

1 cup maize meal (finely ground)
2 cups boiling water
1 tablespoon butter
1 teaspoon salt
2 eggs, beaten
1 cup milk

Pour water over maize meal. Cook together for 5 minutes. Add butter and salt and let cool to luke warm. Add milk and beaten eggs. Beat with a wooden spoon for two minutes. Pour into greased casserole dish. Bake in moderate oven 40 minutes or until set. This takes the place of potatoes, or rice etc. and is simply delicious with chicken or ham. It is "spooned" out of the casserole.

MINI-ADS CLOSE 11.30
SATURDAY MORNINGS

NEWS "MiniAds" PLACE MINI-ADS AT THE
MILK BAR, JENSENS, AMYS

Hillcrest staff

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Experience not essential.
If you are interested, call at Hillcrest Hotel and have a chat with Peter Guile (Manager)

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Black and white or colour in 7 days or less at Brisbane prices, no postage. Enlargements in 14 days. Norfolk Island Airlines.

Visiting technician?

If you are able to tune and repair IBM Executives, Gestetner duplicators or manual typewriters, equipment at The News will welcome some attention. We have some tools.

Pacific map

A few copies left of blue tissue copy of 1829 Pacific map showing vast area including Norfolk, Nepean, Phillip. Mail \$1 to Bin 21, Box 94, N.I.

Need weekend typing

Help produce the News - 6-8 hours at times to suit over Fri, Sat, Sun. Call in or write Box 94.



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"DARS NORFOLK'S" photo of the launching of the "Resolution" 50 years ago -- lent to us by a friend who shares our fascination for earlier days on Norfolk -- wasn't the one from which the new commemorative stamp was drawn. Gil Hitch says the stamp makers worked from a different picture taken at almost the same moment, and copied it quite exactly.

From another trunk of old Island mementoes (thank you, friends) we have copies of some issues of the Norfolk Island Times in the 1930s. Here are two advertisements from it.

Another ad said that "Howell" was departing for Sydney in 1935, and was offering about 14 acres of land which had an annual lease rent of

2/6 per acre, with 20 years to run. The property was about half cleared and had 500-600 bananas about to bear, 1600 pineapples, 1½ acres in corn, 2½ acres in beans and half an acre of orchards. The asking price was £175-0-0.

And Burns Philp would take you to Sydney and return on the S.S. Morinda for £10-10-0.

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BACON RASHERS - -	1/2	"
CHEESE - -	1/-	"
CURRENTS 8d.)	or 1 lb. ea.	
SULTANAS 8d.)	for 1/3	
DRIED APPLES - - - - -	1/-	"
PRUNES - - - - -	10d.	"

CAPTAIN PILCHARDS 3 for	1/5d.
DEL MONTE ASPARAGUS TIPS	1/-
4-lb. BARS SOAP - - - - -	1/4d.

MANY OTHER BARGAINS - COME ALONG AND SEE - - -

BURNS PHILP

It is the variety of your menu which makes the difference. Even on Norfolk Island you have a wonderful range of fresh meats. Our stocks arrive by each boat and are always fresh and deliciously tempting. They pass rigid Govt. inspection in Sydney.

MAKE YOUR CHOICE FROM THESE

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LEGS OF LAMB	1/3d "	CORNERED SILVERSIDE	1/- "
SAVELOYS	1/6d dbz.	CHUMP CHOPS	1/4d "
MUTTON CUTLETS	1/4d lb.	SHORT LOIN CHOPS	1/2d "
TRIPE	9d "	RUMPSTEAK	1/4d "
PORK SAUSAGES	1/- "	BEEFSTEAK	1/1d "
BEEF SAUSAGES	10d "	FRANKFURTS (1-lb bundles)	1/3d "
RABBITS 1/3d each.			

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